

REMARKS

This Amendment is supplemental to the Amendment filed in response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2007.

On the basis of telephone conferences with Examiner John Hotaling, the Examiner has raised a number of issues with regard to the claims of record. Initially, the Examiner has indicated that the claims have internal antecedent issues. Also, the Examiner has questioned where the specification provides support for those features recited, for example, in the last three paragraphs of claim 45 and corresponding language in the other independent claims.

In order to address the issues raised by the Examiner, the claims have been reviewed and any “internal” antecedent basis problems that have been uncovered have been corrected. If the Examiner uncovers any additional antecedent issues it would be appreciated if he could identify them so that they can likewise be corrected.

In so far as the support in the specification for the language in the claims, the Examiner is respectfully directed to the specification, starting in the last paragraph on page 8 and continuing to page 13. The last paragraph on page 8 has been amended herein to provide antecedent support for the specific terminology used in the claims and to thereby also clarify the claim language. What has been referred to as a “hierarchical” structure in the claims had been referred to in the specification as filed as a “layered structure”. While the “superior” or initial box referred to in the claims has not been specifically referred to by that terminology, it is clear that the “box” referred to in line 2 of the last paragraph on page 8 is an example of such a “superior box” that includes or contains superior phrase groups. The specification, however, did, at line 3 of the

aforementioned paragraph, refer to “subordinate” boxes and that these contain subordinate phrase groups. Such cooperating superior and subordinate boxes are clearly illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4 of the subject application. Fig. 5, and the associated text, make it clear that after a “situation” is determined, at S1, a “box”, representing a superior box corresponding to the situation is selected, at S2. A word is initially selected from the superior box, at S3, and the word commands are decoded to read the data as discussed in connection with Fig. 4.

What is referred to in the claims as the first, second and third commands are clearly discussed, for example, at pages 9 and 10 although the commands there are not referred to as first, second and third commands but as, for example, jump command”, “q” commands, “f” commands, etc.

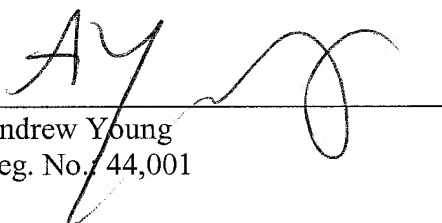
It is respectfully submitted that the specification clearly supports and provides antecedent basis for the claim language.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early allowance and issuance is, accordingly, respectfully solicited.

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